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Applicant(s): Johannes KNOBLICH
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For: ILLUMINATION ARRANGEMENT FOR A STEREO MICROSCOPE

Group: 2872
Examiner: M. Robinson

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated November 15, 2000.

A Response is filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 110.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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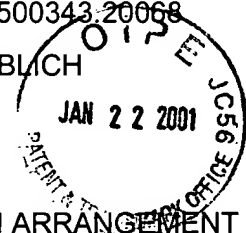
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